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*A pupil at Kalobeyei Primary School receives porridge during break time. Due to the congestion of the Kakuma refugee camp, Kalobeyei Integrated Refugee Settlement was developed. The plan for Kalobeyei was that it was not to be another refugee camp, but a settlement that was to encourage integration between the refugees and host communities for the mutual economic benefit of both groups.*

## KENYA

### REFUGEE PROGRAM

Kenya hosts approximately 425,000 registered refugees—primarily from Somalia and South Sudan—in the Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps and the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement, where they rely almost entirely on international humanitarian assistance for their survival and well-being.

USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA) supports these refugee populations and their host communities with direct food distributions, education on maternal and child health, school feeding and livelihoods training. USAID/BHA also supports the UN World Food Program's (WFP) refugee operations in the camps by providing cash transfers and support for local procurement of specialized nutrition products.

#### OUR WORK

USAID/BHA and its partner WFP save lives and improve the well-being of some of the most vulnerable populations in Kenya by providing emergency food and nutrition assistance to refugees living in the Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps and the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement. With USAID/BHA support, WFP assists refugees and vulnerable members of host communities with direct food distributions, voucher programs, cash transfers, and maternal and child health support and nutrition activities, including supplementary and therapeutic feeding support.

USAID/BHA also provides funding and in-kind Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF) to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to treat severely malnourished children under five years of age among

refugee populations. BHA funds also provide a mid-day meal to school-going children.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2020 USAID/BHA provided approximately \$40 million to WFP to support cash-based and in-kind food assistance to refugees in the Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camps and the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement. USAID/BHA assistance has proven critical in sustaining the nutritional health of children under five years of age and pregnant and lactating women. In Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement, where assistance is provided through vouchers, refugees are reporting higher dietary diversity.

In Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camps, USAID/BHA supports the *Bamba Chakula* program – a voucher program whereby refugees can exchange the vouchers to buy food items of their choice from traders – which has helped to diversify the food basket and provide dignity to the refugees. Bamba Chakula has also increased the volume of trade and improved relations of the host communities with the refugees as well.



Workers at a WFP warehouse near Mombasa port account for sacks of fortified flour help to prevent nutrition and load onto trucks which for transportation to refugee camps.

**BUDGET:** \$40 million. (FY 2020)

### IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

United Nations World Food Program (WFP)  
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

### ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Dadaab refugee camp in Garissa County, Kakuma refugee camps, Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement in Turkana County, Kenya

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